Class 13: Transcriptomics and the Analysis of RNA-Seq Data

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The data for this hands-on session comes from a published RNA-seq experiment where airway smooth muscle cells were treated with dexamethasone, a synthetic glucocorticoid steroid with anti-inflammatory effects (Himes et al. 2014).

Data Import

We have two input files, so-called "count data" and "col data".

```
library(BiocManager)
library(DESeq2)
```

```
Loading required package: S4Vectors
```

```
Loading required package: stats4
```

```
Loading required package: BiocGenerics
```

```

Attaching package: 'BiocGenerics'
```

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

    IQR, mad, sd, var, xtabs
```

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

    anyDuplicated, aperm, append, as.data.frame, basename, cbind,
    colnames, dirname, do.call, duplicated, eval, evalq, Filter, Find,
    get, grep, grepl, intersect, is.unsorted, lapply, Map, mapply,
    match, mget, order, paste, pmax, pmax.int, pmin, pmin.int,
    Position, rank, rbind, Reduce, rownames, sapply, setdiff, sort,
    table, tapply, union, unique, unsplit, which.max, which.min


Attaching package: 'S4Vectors'

The following object is masked from 'package:utils':

    findMatches

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

    expand.grid, I, unname

Loading required package: IRanges

Loading required package: GenomicRanges

Loading required package: GenomeInfoDb

Loading required package: SummarizedExperiment

Loading required package: MatrixGenerics

Loading required package: matrixStats


Attaching package: 'MatrixGenerics'
```

```
The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':

    colAlls, colAnyNAs, colAnys, colAvgsPerRowSet, colCollapse,
    colCounts, colCummaxs, colCummins, colCumprods, colCumsums,
    colDiffs, colIQRDiffs, colIQRs, colLogSumExps, colMadDiffs,
    colMads, colMaxs, colMeans2, colMedians, colMins, colOrderStats,
    colProds, colQuantiles, colRanges, colRanks, colSdDiffs, colSds,
    colSums2, colTabulates, colVarDiffs, colVars, colWeightedMads,
    colWeightedMeans, colWeightedMedians, colWeightedSds,
    colWeightedVars, rowAlls, rowAnyNAs, rowAnys, rowAvgsPerColSet,
    rowCollapse, rowCounts, rowCummaxs, rowCummins, rowCumprods,
    rowCumsums, rowDiffs, rowIQRDiffs, rowIQRs, rowLogSumExps,
    rowMadDiffs, rowMads, rowMaxs, rowMeans2, rowMedians, rowMins,
    rowOrderStats, rowProds, rowQuantiles, rowRanges, rowRanks,
    rowSdDiffs, rowSds, rowSums2, rowTabulates, rowVarDiffs, rowVars,
    rowWeightedMads, rowWeightedMeans, rowWeightedMedians,
    rowWeightedSds, rowWeightedVars

Loading required package: Biobase

Welcome to Bioconductor

    Vignettes contain introductory material; view with
    'browseVignettes()'. To cite Bioconductor, see
    'citation("Biobase")', and for packages 'citation("pkgname")'.


Attaching package: 'Biobase'

The following object is masked from 'package:MatrixGenerics':

    rowMedians

The following objects are masked from 'package:matrixStats':

    anyMissing, rowMedians
```

```r
# Complete the missing code
counts <- read.csv("airway_scaledcounts.csv", row.names=1)
metadata <-  read.csv("airway_metadata.csv")
```

```
head(counts)
```

```
                SRR1039508 SRR1039509 SRR1039512 SRR1039513 SRR1039516
ENSG00000000003        723        486        904        445       1170
ENSG00000000005          0          0          0          0          0
ENSG00000000419        467        523        616        371        582
ENSG00000000457        347        258        364        237        318
ENSG00000000460         96         81         73         66        118
ENSG00000000938          0          0          1          0          2
                SRR1039517 SRR1039520 SRR1039521
ENSG00000000003       1097        806        604
ENSG00000000005          0          0          0
ENSG00000000419        781        417        509
ENSG00000000457        447        330        324
ENSG00000000460         94        102         74
ENSG00000000938          0          0          0
```

```
head(metadata)
```

```
          id     dex celltype     geo_id
1 SRR1039508 control   N61311 GSM1275862
2 SRR1039509 treated   N61311 GSM1275863
3 SRR1039512 control  N052611 GSM1275866
4 SRR1039513 treated  N052611 GSM1275867
5 SRR1039516 control  N080611 GSM1275870
6 SRR1039517 treated  N080611 GSM1275871
```

Data Explore

Q1. How many genes are in this dataset?

```
dim(counts)[1]
```

```
[1] 38694
```

Q2. How many 'control' cell lines do we have?

```
metadata$dex == "control"
```

```
[1]  TRUE FALSE  TRUE FALSE  TRUE FALSE  TRUE FALSE
```

Toy differential gene expression

Time to do some analysis.

We have 4 control and 4 treated samples/experiments/columns.

Make sure the metadata id column matches the columns in our count data.

```
colnames(counts)
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

```
metadata$id
```

```
[1] "SRR1039508" "SRR1039509" "SRR1039512" "SRR1039513" "SRR1039516"
[6] "SRR1039517" "SRR1039520" "SRR1039521"
```

```
colnames(counts) == metadata$id
```

```
[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
```

To check that all elements of a vector are TRUE we can use the `all()` function.

```
all(c(T, T, T))
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

```
all(colnames(counts) == metadata$id)
```

```
[1] TRUE
```

To start I will calculate the `control.mean` and `treated.mean` values and compare them.

- Identify and extract the `control` only columns
- Determine the mean values for each gene (i.e. row)
- Do the same for `treated`

```
# Where does it tell me which columns are control?
control.inds <- metadata$dex == "control"
control.counts <- counts[ ,control.inds]
control.mean <- apply(control.counts, 1, mean)
head(control.mean)
```

```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         900.75            0.00          520.50          339.75           97.25
ENSG00000000938
           0.75
```

```
treated.inds <- metadata$dex == "treated"
treated.counts <- counts[ ,treated.inds]
treated.mean <- apply(treated.counts, 1, mean)
head(treated.mean)
```

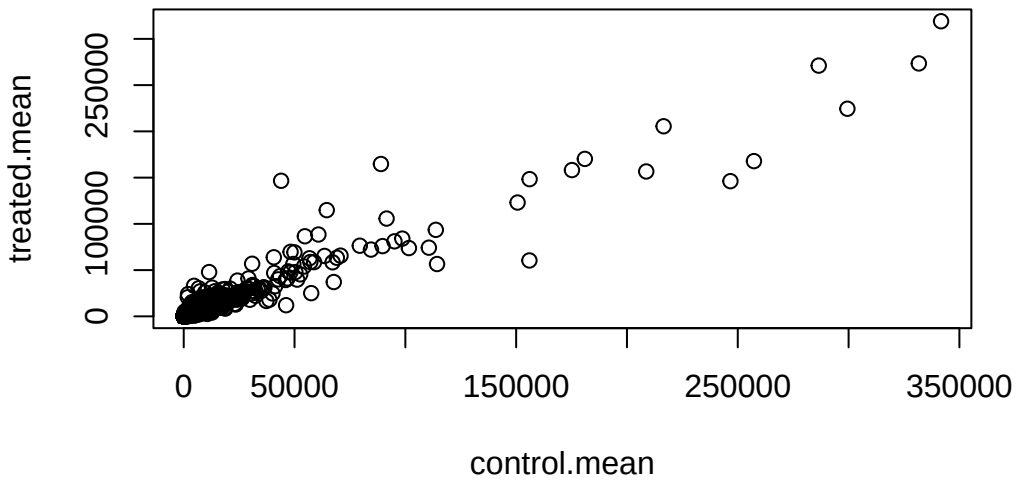
```
ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ENSG00000000419 ENSG00000000457 ENSG00000000460
         658.00            0.00          546.00          316.50           78.75
ENSG00000000938
           0.00
```

Lets store these together fro ease of book keeping.

```
meancounts <- data.frame(control.mean, treated.mean)
```

Have a view of this data:

```
plot(meancounts)
```

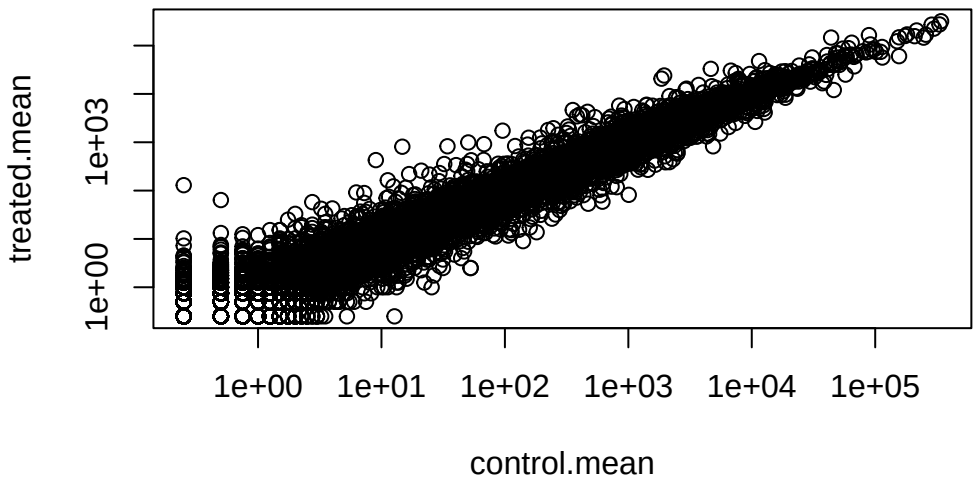


This data is screaming at us to log transform the data.

```
plot(meancounts, log = "xy")
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15032 x values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```

```
Warning in xy.coords(x, y, xlabel, ylabel, log): 15281 y values <= 0 omitted
from logarithmic plot
```



I want to compare the treated and the control variables here and we will use fold change in log2 units to do this. `log2/(Treated/Control)`

```
log2fc <- log2(meancounts$treated.mean/meancounts$control.mean)
meancounts$log2fc <- log2fc
head(meancounts$log2fc)
```

```
[1] -0.45303916         NaN  0.06900279 -0.10226805 -0.30441833        -Inf
```

A doubling in the treated

```
log2(20/10)
```

```
[1] 1
```

```
log2(5/10)
```

```
[1] -1
```

```
log2(40/10)
```

```
[1] 2
```

A common rule of thumb cut-off for calling a gene "differentially expressed" is a log2 fold-change value of either > +2 or < -2 for "up regulated" and "down regulated" respectively.

```
sum (meancounts$log2fc > +2, na.rm = T)
```

```
[1] 1846
```

```
zero.vals <- which(meancounts[,1:2]==0, arr.ind=TRUE)

to.rm <- unique(zero.vals[,1])
mycounts <- meancounts[-to.rm,]
head(mycounts)
```

```
                control.mean treated.mean      log2fc
ENSG00000000003       900.75       658.00 -0.45303916
ENSG00000000419       520.50       546.00  0.06900279
ENSG00000000457       339.75       316.50 -0.10226805
ENSG00000000460        97.25        78.75 -0.30441833
ENSG00000000971      5219.00      6687.50  0.35769358
ENSG00000001036      2327.00      1785.75 -0.38194109
```

Q. How many genes do we have left that we can ssay something about it?

```
nrow(mycounts)
```

```
[1] 21817
```

Q7. What is the purpose of the arr.ind argument in the which() function call above? Why would we then take the first column of the output and need to call the unique() function?

```
up.ind <- mycounts$log2fc > 2
down.ind <- mycounts$log2fc < (-2)
```

Q8. Using the up.ind vector above can you determine how many up regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(up.ind)
```

```
[1] 250
```

Q9. Using the down.ind vector above can you determine how many down regulated genes we have at the greater than 2 fc level?

```
sum(down.ind)
```

```
[1] 367
```

Q10. Do you trust these results? Why or why not?

No, not necessesarily. We are missing lots of stats.

Setting up for DNA Seq

Let's do this properly with the help of DESeq2 package

```
library(DESeq2)
citation("DESeq2")
```

```
To cite package 'DESeq2' in publications use:

  Love, M.I., Huber, W., Anders, S. Moderated estimation of fold change
  and dispersion for RNA-seq data with DESeq2 Genome Biology 15(12):550
  (2014)

A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is

  @Article{,
    title = {Moderated estimation of fold change and dispersion for RNA-seq data with DESeq2
    author = {Michael I. Love and Wolfgang Huber and Simon Anders},
    year = {2014},
    journal = {Genome Biology},
    doi = {10.1186/s13059-014-0550-8},
    volume = {15},
    issue = {12},
    pages = {550},
  }
```

Run our main analysis with the `DESeq()` function

```
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(countData=counts,
                              colData=metadata,
                              design=~dex)
```

```
converting counts to integer mode
```

```
Warning in DESeqDataSet(se, design = design, ignoreRank): some variables in
design formula are characters, converting to factors
```

```
dds
```

```
class: DESeqDataSet
dim: 38694 8
metadata(1): version
assays(1): counts
rownames(38694): ENSG00000000003 ENSG00000000005 ... ENSG00000283120
  ENSG00000283123
rowData names(0):
colnames(8): SRR1039508 SRR1039509 ... SRR1039520 SRR1039521
colData names(4): id dex celltype geo_id
```

```
dds <- DESeq(dds)
```

```
estimating size factors
```

```
estimating dispersions
```

```
gene-wise dispersion estimates
```

```
mean-dispersion relationship
```

```
final dispersion estimates
```

```
fitting model and testing
```

```
res <- results(dds)
head(res)
```

```
log2 fold change (MLE): dex treated vs control
Wald test p-value: dex treated vs control
DataFrame with 6 rows and 6 columns
                  baseMean log2FoldChange     lfcSE      stat    pvalue
                 <numeric>      <numeric> <numeric> <numeric> <numeric>
ENSG00000000003 747.194195     -0.3507030  0.168246 -2.084470 0.0371175
ENSG00000000005   0.000000             NA        NA        NA        NA
ENSG00000000419 520.134160      0.2061078  0.101059  2.039475 0.0414026
ENSG00000000457 322.664844      0.0245269  0.145145  0.168982 0.8658106
ENSG00000000460  87.682625     -0.1471420  0.257007 -0.572521 0.5669691
ENSG00000000938   0.319167     -1.7322890  3.493601 -0.495846 0.6200029
                     padj
                <numeric>
ENSG00000000003  0.163035
ENSG00000000005        NA
ENSG00000000419  0.176032
ENSG00000000457  0.961694
ENSG00000000460  0.815849
ENSG00000000938        NA
```

Summarize the table.

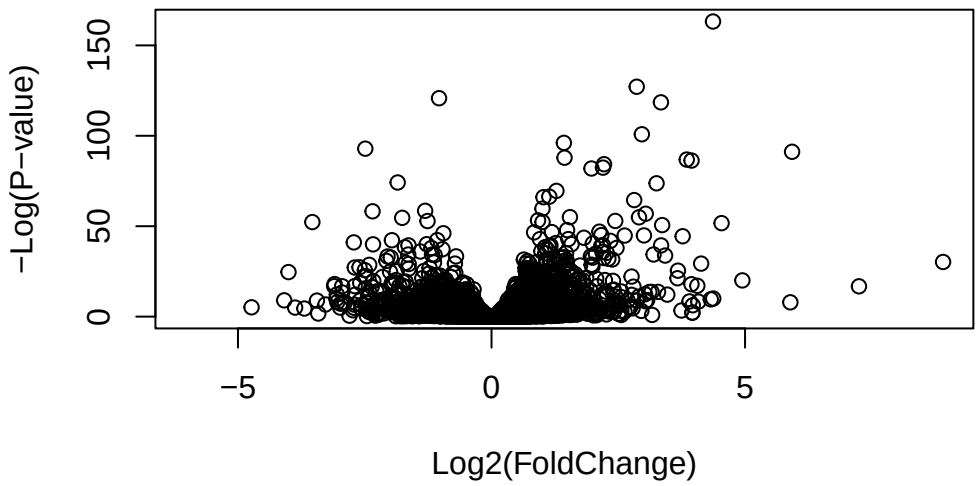
```
summary(res)
```

```
out of 25258 with nonzero total read count
adjusted p-value < 0.1
LFC > 0 (up)       : 1563, 6.2%
LFC < 0 (down)     : 1188, 4.7%
outliers [1]       : 142, 0.56%
low counts [2]     : 9971, 39%
(mean count < 10)
[1] see 'cooksCutoff' argument of ?results
[2] see 'independentFiltering' argument of ?results
```

Volcano Plot

A very common and useful summary of results figure from this type of analysis is called a volcano plot - a plot of lof2FC vs p-value.

```
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj),
      xlab="Log2(FoldChange)",
      ylab="-Log(P-value)")
```



Add some color and nice labels for this plot

```
mycols <- rep("pink", nrow(res))
mycols[ abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 ]  <- "violet"

inds <- (res$padj < 0.01) & (abs(res$log2FoldChange) > 2 )
mycols[ inds ] <- "turquoise"

# Volcano plot with custom colors
plot( res$log2FoldChange,  -log(res$padj),
 col=mycols, ylab="-Log(P-value)", xlab="Log2(FoldChange)" )
```

```r
abline(v=c(-2,2), col="pink", lty=2)
abline(h=-log(0.1), col="pink", lty=2)
```